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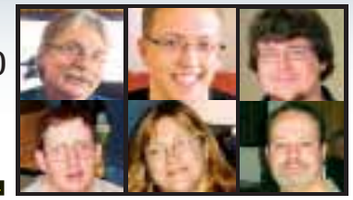

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Ready to rumble at homecoming

The University of Saskatchewan Huskies take to the field during Thursday's practice at Griffiths Stadium. The team plays the University of Alberta Golden Bears at the 2013 homecoming game Friday.

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Huskies. U of S expecting more than 5,500 to attend Friday's game against Golden Bears

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The University of Saskatchewan Huskies football team won't be letting a solid record go to its head.

The team has an impressive 15-3 record against the University of Alberta Golden Bears since 2002, but head coach Brian Towriss said that won't mean a thing this Friday at the 2013 homecoming game.

The Huskies (2-1) will be up against a team with something to prove when they face the struggling Bears, who have yet to win a game this season.

"We certainly aren't taking them lightly. They've scored a lot of points on offence, so we have to keep our offence on the field and keep them off," said Towriss.

"Offensively, we're certainly putting up some pretty good yardage, but we've got to turn field goals into touchdowns. We've stalled a few times in the red zone and settled for three when we have to get seven."

While the Huskies will be looking for a win at Friday's homecoming game, the event also serves as an unofficial kickoff to the school year for students, athletes and alumni alike.

"It raises awareness of our athletic program, but that's just one part of it," Basil Hughton, athletic director for Huskie Athletics, said Thursday. "I think the underlying thing for me is it's an opportunity to bring all facets of the university together.

"It's all members of the university community coming together to celebrate the University of Saskatchewan and what it means to our city and our province."

Kickoff for Friday's homecoming game is 7 p.m. at Griffiths Stadium. Check out metronews.ca for the game story.

Go team go!

Metro asked U of S students if they're pumped and ready to hit the game.

- "I'm planning on going. I heard they have a pretty good team this year. I also know a lot of the guys on the team — they went to my high school — so I'm just going out to support them."
  — Jesse Ross, first year, engineering
- "Yes, I am planning (to attend). I heard there's tons of school spirit and everyone gets really excited and there's lots of activities before and after.... I'm pretty excited to go with friends."
  — Jacklyn Waronek, first year, biology
- "Hopefully, yeah. I like the vibe of everything and it's just really fun."
  — Jackie Patrick, third year, management

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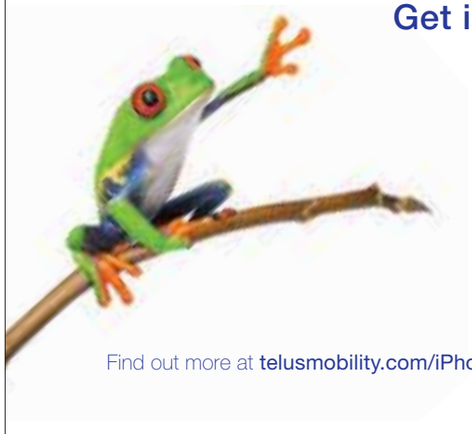

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Prince Albert residence

Teen, 16, died at hospital while held in custody

A youth has died at a Saskatchewan hospital after being found in medical distress while held in custody.

Janice Wilby, spokeswoman for the Ministry of Corrections and Policing, says staff at Prince Albert Youth Residence saw the 16-year-old boy in medical distress on Wednesday and immediately took him to a hospital.

Wilby says the boy died in hospital at 1:15 p.m. Thursday.

She would not say what he had been charged with.

Wilby also wouldn't say what kind of medical distress the teen was experiencing and how staff found him.

Police, the coroner's office, the Ministry of Justice and Saskatchewan's Children's Advocate are investigating.

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Under investigation

Fire damaged two homes on Taylor St.

Investigators from Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services are working to figure out what started a fire that damaged two homes.

Assistant Chief Bill Coffin said firefighters arrived on the 600 block of Taylor Street shortly after 1 p.m. Thursday following reports of a shed fire.

Coffin said flames spread quickly from the shed to an adjacent fence.

No one is reported to have been injured in the blaze.

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Recent spate of shootings related to gang activity: Police

Five people facing total of 51 charges. Three men and two women taken into custody following reports of four victims suffering gunshot wounds

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A recent string of shootings could be connected to gang activity in the City of Saskatoon, say police.

Earlier this week, Saskatoon Police Service (SPS) released information about three victims treated for gunshot wounds and later released information about a fourth victim they believe was connected.

Now, five people are facing a total of 51 firearm and drug-related charges as a result of an ongoing investigation into the recent shootings and gang activity — five others have also been arrested, but have not been charged.

"The street-gang unit along with patrol and the targeted enforcement unit have been investigating, and it was a street-gang-unit investigation that lead to the five arrests (Wednesday) night," Alyson Edwards, director of public affairs with the Saskatoon Police Service said in an interview.

"So certainly we are investigating what we believe to be incidents connected to gang activity."

A release from the SPS said at roughly 11 p.m. on Sept. 18, a group of people were seen entering a cab at a home in the 100 Block of Avenue O South.

Police stopped a vehicle in the 100 Block of Avenue U South and seized a sawed-off shotgun, an imitation handgun and an undisclosed amount of cocaine.

Two Saskatoon men, 24 and 25, were arrested along with a 34-year-old Regina man and two 16-year-old girls from Saskatoon. The five people, three men and two women, who were arrested, but not charged, had their vehicle seized and were taken into custody on Thursday after a high-risk traffic stop on the Yellowhead Highway near the Borden Bridge.

Following charges against the five individuals, members of the SPS's street-gang unit, assisted by the emergency response unit and patrol officers, executed a search warrant at approximately 6 a.m. Thursday morning at a home in the 100 block of Avenue O South.

The Saskatoon Police Service headquarters on 4th Avenue North is seen in the above photo. Police have charged five and arrested five more in connection to a string of shootings that left four people injured earlier this week. MORGAN MODJESKI/METRO

Police say the home is known for being associated with drug and gang activity, but no additional weapons were recovered.

The five charged were expected to appear before a Justice of the Peace on Thursday evening and charges are pending for the five people arrested Thursday. Police say the investigation is ongoing.

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Families mourn their loved ones

Bus-train crash victims. Cause of collision that killed six at Ottawa rail crossing still in question

JOE LOFARO
Metro in Ottawa

Ottawa police released the names and ages of all six victims in Wednesday's crash between an OC Transpo double decker bus and a VIA Rail train in Barrhaven.

Numerous agencies and people in the community have been moved to express condolences to the families of the victims, and some families communicated statements about their loss through the Ottawa Police.

Friends Connor Boyd and Kyle Nash both attended John McRae Secondary School before moving on to study at Carleton University.

Boyd's friend Kayla Bennett wrote on her Facebook page: "Connor Boyd you were such an amazing person. I have known you since elementary school. Everyone knows you by your laugh or how you knew everything about everything!! I can't believe you are gone!! ... you will be missed."

Grieving wife

Terry Woodard, whose husband, David Woodard, 46, was driving the bus Wednesday, spoke with AM 640's John Oakley.

- "David was in good health. He didn't fall asleep at the wheel. He's always rested the night before he goes to work. I don't know what to say. Either he didn't see the lights or the barricade wasn't down just in time," she said.
- On Facebook, she wrote: "Today I lost my HUSBAND the love of my LIFE my best friend the father of my daughter ..."

On Thursday police released a series of statements from grieving families, including Kyle Nash's: "The family of Kyle Nash are devastated by his tragic and premature death. He was deeply loved. They thank everyone for their support and ask for privacy to grieve at this time."

A statement issued on behalf of Karen Krzyzewski's family reads: "We are very saddened by the loss of Karen. She was a gentle spirit who was caring and compassionate to others. She loved life to the fullest. Karen was the mother of two young adult children. She is survived by her parents and a brother and two sisters. She will be mourned by family and many friends. Karen worked ... at the Library and Archives Canada. She believed that libraries were an important part of Canadian culture ..."

No family statements were released concerning the final two crash victims; Rob More, 35, and Michael Bleakney, 57. Bleakney's LinkedIn profiles listed him as a geotechnical engineer at Public Works and Government Services Canada.

The victims of a collision between an Ottawa bus and a train, clockwise from top left: Bus driver Dave Woodard, 45; (FACEBOOK) Karen Krzyzewski, 53; Rob More, 35; Michael Bleakney, 57; Kyle Nash, 21; and Connor Boyd, 21. OTTAWA POLICE SERVICE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Greenpeace oil activists held at gunpoint in Russia

Two Canadian activists are among a group of 25 people who were being held at gunpoint aboard a Greenpeace ship, the environmental group said Thursday.

Arctic Campaign Co-ordinator Christy Ferguson said Paul Ruzycki of Port Colborne, Ont., and a man from Montreal whose name was not released were arrested when Russian Coast Guard officers boarded their vessel, which Greenpeace says was in international waters.

Ferguson said at least 15 members of the Coast Guard used helicopters and ropes to rappel on board the Arctic Sunrise, a Greenpeace ship carrying a crew bent on protesting offshore oil drilling in the Arctic.

Arctic campaign co-ordinator

"This was a peaceful protest against reckless industrial activity in the Arctic." Greenpeace's Christy Ferguson

The crew were being held in the ship's mess, she said, adding no injuries have been reported.

The incident took place Thursday as the ship was circling an oil platform in the Pechora Sea, an arm of the Barents Sea. The platform was owned by Gazprom, a Russian oil company.

Russia's Interfax news agency reported that the vessel was to be brought to the northern port of Murmansk following the search.

Interfax also quoted the Russian Foreign Ministry as saying the crew of the vessel took "provocative" actions.

"The note of protest that was given to the Dutch ambassador describes the actions of the crew of the Dutch-flagged vessel as provocative and says that they posed a threat to human life and the risk of an environmental catastrophe in the Arctic ..." it said.

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Canada defends human-rights record at UN

Review. Envoy rejects calls for a national review to end violence against aboriginal women

Cuba, Iran, Belarus and Russia used a United Nations body Thursday to criticize Canada's human-rights record, as the Canadian envoy rejected calls to develop a comprehensive national review to end violence against aboriginal women.

Canada was responding Thursday to the UN Human Rights Council, which is conducting its Universal Periodic Review of Canada's rights record, on a wide range of issues from poverty, immigration and the criminal justice system.

Countries have their rights records reviewed every four years by the Geneva-based UN forum, but the Harper government has been skeptical in part because it allows countries with dubious rights records to criticize Canada. On Thursday, that happened again.

Cuba said it deplored Canada's rejection of one of its human-rights recommendations, while Iran took Canada to task for rejecting four that it had made.

Belarus blasted Canada for not doing enough to combat child prostitution, and said it should allow a series of UN special rapporteurs to come to Canada investigate various topics.

Russia said it was "bewildered" that Canada rejected a recommendation related to the "brutal beating" of a Russian national in a Calgary jail cell.

Quoted

"Canada is proud of its human-rights record, and our peaceful and diverse society."

Elissa Golberg, Canada's ambassador to the UN in Geneva

Canada's ambassador to the UN in Geneva, Elissa Golberg, offered a brief rebuttal to Belarus, saying it should allow UN rapporteurs to visit, but did not engage directly with the other countries that criticized Canada.

"Canada is proud of its human-rights record, and our peaceful and diverse society," Golberg told the session.

While no society is entirely free of discrimination, she noted, Canada has "a strong legal and policy framework for the promotion and protection of human rights, and an independent court system."

Recommendations from those countries were among the 40 of 162 that Canada chose to reject.

That also included a rejection of a series of resolutions calling on Canada to undertake sweeping national reviews of violence against aboriginal women.

Golberg said Canada takes the issue seriously and that provincial and local governments are better suited to getting results on those issues.

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Apology. Coca-Cola cancels promotion that produced 'retard' cap

Coca-Cola issued a written apology Thursday to the Alberta family that found a vitamin water cap bearing the words "you retard" as part of a promotion the company has now cancelled.

"This word should not have been included due to the English connotations and we have taken action," David Thomson, vice-president of still beverages for Coca-Cola Canada, wrote in a Sept. 19 letter to Doug Loates. "This includes cancelling the promotion, stopping production of bottles with these caps and destroying any remaining caps within our inventory."

The nationwide promotion saw a random English word followed by a random French word written on the inside of bottle caps. "Retard" had made the list of appropriate French words, as the context was intended to mean "late."

The French word "douche," meaning shower, was also the subject of a separate complaint.

Doug Loates, the father of Blake Loates, an Edmonton woman who brought the bottle cap to light earlier this week, said he was satisfied with the response from Coca-Cola and is happy with the action the company has taken to rectify the situation.

"I think they were caught off guard by this as it was a big oversight on their part," he said. "I am happy with the results and I have to believe this was an accident."

Blake Loates found the words "you retard" stamped into the underside of a Vitaminwater bottle cap earlier this week. LUCY HAINES/FOR METRO

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Massive, marvellous Morgan

Morgan goes for a walk along Queen Street in Toronto with owner Cathy Payne. Morgan is the world's tallest female dog, and will be entered into the 2014 Guinness World Records book. She's a five-year-old Great Dane that stands 38.6 inches tall and weighs 214 pounds.

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'Racially offensive.' Ottawa football team to drop Redskins name, logo

After more than a year of pressure from Ottawa-area Ojibway musician Ian Campeau, the Nepean Redskins football team is poised to drop its name and logo in favour of a new one.

"As a community sport organization, the Club aims to provide a healthy and positive environment for the youth in our programs, encourage sportsmanship at all levels of play and instill a sense of pride and support for our community both on and off the field," Steve Dean, president of the Nepean Redskins Football Club said in a press released issued Thursday.

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Gen Y'ers aid Syrian refugees

Jordan. As their leaders dither over Syria, Western 20-somethings roll up their sleeves to help country's refugees

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

Dina El-Kassaby, 22, from Canada, on those living in Zaatari: "There's a stereotype that refugees are lazy. But the refugees here are nurses, teachers, lawyers and truck drivers. Almost everyone I talk to asks about work opportunities." ELISABETH BRAW/METRO WORLD NEWS

Every morning, Dina El-Kassaby heads to the refugee camp in Zaatari, Jordan. The enormous site, located seven kilometres across the Syrian border, requires an enormous staff. It has quickly grown from nothing to housing some 150,000 Syrian refugees in one year. And they have nowhere to go.

El-Kassaby, a 22-year-old from Vancouver, is one of the surprising number of young Westerners who have opted to work there.

"There's a stereotype that refugees are lazy," she says. "That's false as far as Syrians are concerned. There are nurses, teachers, lawyers and truck drivers here. Almost everyone I talk to asks about work opportunities. Women are well educated too."

Down Zaatari's main thoroughfare, refugees have set up myriad unofficial shops, selling everything from shampoo to wedding dresses. They call the dusty patch the "Champs Elysees."

Perhaps it's this civilized aspect of the Syrian conflict that inspires young Westerners to help: After all, until a year ago the refugees lived middle-class lives not unlike ours. Or perhaps it's the recognition that we could find ourselves in the same situation. Or is it shame over the fact that 100,000 Syrians have been killed, more than 4.2 million people are displaced within Syria and two million have fled to other countries, while the West dithers over a course of action?

David Lampert, an 18-year-old from Vermont, asked his online Arabic teacher how to volunteer in Jordan, and travelled to the town of Mafraq near Jordan's border with Syria. "I just wanted to help the Syrian people," he explains as I meet him at the local church.

Mafraq, a town of 60,000, now houses some 20,000 Syrian refugees. The church, supported by Mercy Corps, an NGO, provides necessities like food and blankets to newly arrived families, as well as a safe space for children and parents to rest.

Canadian Haitham Betts, 23, also helps out at the church, doing odd jobs and simply spending time with the new arrivals. "Helping people when they're in a crisis situation is so important to them on a personal level," he says.

Of the UN World Food Programme's staff of 80 in Jordan, 33 are aged 35 or younger — nine of them Westerners. Mercy Corps reports that 80 per cent of its volunteers are 35 and under.

Of course, this hugely complex and fast-moving refugee crisis isn't managed by 20-somethings. "It's important to remember that the people in charge are officials with long-time emergency experience," notes Marc Vergara, UNICEF's Head of Communications in Jordan.

And local Jordanian staff carry out a wide range of tasks, from delivering food to mounting tents. But the young Westerners are right here on the ground, providing a crucial service to thousands of desperate people.

"I want people at home to understand the horrific levels of violence going on in Syria, and how terribly difficult it is to pack up and leave," Aoife McConnell, a 27-year-old UN Refugee Agency worker from Ireland, tells me when I meet her in Mafraq.

"But it's really tough to get the message out," McConnell adds. "The reality in the world is, how can we ask people who're worried about their own economy to give money to Syrian refugees?

"But consider this: Every night when you go to bed, another 1,000 Syrians have made the heart-wrenching decision to leave and are crossing over the border to Jordan."

David Lampert, left, 18, from Vermont, and Haitham Betts, right, 23, from Canada, help Pastor Sahawneh Nour at the Mafraq church. ELISABETH BRAW/METRO WORLD NEWS

Aoife McConnell, 27, from Ireland: "It's really tough to get the message out." ELISABETH BRAW/METRO WORLD NEWS

How to become an aid worker

- **Adapt & help.** You have to be willing to adapt to new living conditions. And of course you have to be willing to help. You're not a colonial manager.
- **Job surplus.** With many aid workers returning home after several years or just several months, there's plenty of turnover. That means lots of job openings.
- **Job site.** Visit reliefweb.int, which lists virtually every aid worker opening, from a communications internship at the UN Refugee Agency to multi-year postings for managers. You can search by level of work experience (hundreds of jobs are available for those with 0-3 years' experience), country and area of work. The site tells you how to apply.
- **Email.** As UN Refugee Agency worker Aoife McConnell did, you can also send your resumé to NGOs. For the UN World Food Program, for example, email jordan.recruitment@wfp.org.
- **Pay.** NGOs typically pay a monthly salary, and a good one for the standards of the respective country. The employer often provides housing and trips back to one's home country.

Getting by at a camp hospital. With a little help from Italian friends

Above the thousands of sand-coloured tents in Zaatari flies an Italian flag. It's the Italian hospital: seven doctors, 10 nurses and one dentist work in the modest building.

"We have around 700 patients per week," Dr. Basham Anakrih, a Jordanian surgeon, tells me as I visit.

As we speak, a man in a wheelchair is brought in by his son; he hands Anakrih a prescription that needs to be signed. The young doctor asks him a few questions and signs the form. Meanwhile, in another surgical room — closed only by a curtain — a colleague of Anakrih circumcises a baby boy.

Though the hospital is small — the camp's French and Moroccan hospitals have beds — it performs a crucial service to the Zaatari camp.

"All equipment is paid for by Italy," explains Anakrih as he proudly shows me the hospital's incubator and X-ray machine.

Jordan provides the hospital staff.

ELISABETH BRAW/METRO WORLD NEWS

Analysis

'Now is a good time to get in there'

MARC VERGARA, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS, UNICEF, JORDAN

Syria and the region are Level 3 (the highest UN emergency level). That means that UN agencies worldwide are asked to supply staff, because they need people with experience in emergencies or technical skills like water and sanitation. UNICEF usually has 15 people in Jordan — now we're at 50.

The UN will make many of the staff assisting Syrian refugees permanent. Right now we're planning for the next two to three years. Of course we can only guess how many refugees will cross the border to Jordan, but our estimate is that we'll have one million refugees here next year.

Both the UN and the NGOs are looking for people with the skills I mentioned, so now is a good time to try to get in if you have the expertise. In addition to full-time staff, the UN and NGOs also have staff on a consulting basis.

From left: Restaurateurs Claudio Aprile, Michael Bonacini and Alvin Leung will put home chef contestants through their paces on the new television show MasterChef Canada, debuting in the winter of 2014. COURTESY CTV

MasterChef Canada announces judges

Broadcast. Homegrown version of the Gordon Ramsay hit show will debut in winter 2014

Three high-profile chefs were literally bursting with excitement during their first day on the set as judges for the new TV show MasterChef Canada.

Restaurateurs Michael Bonacini, Claudio Aprile and Alvin Leung will put home chef contestants through their paces in the Canadian version of the Gordon Ramsay hit, expected to debut on CTV in the winter of 2014, the network announced Thursday.

"It was incredible. It was lightning in a bottle," Claudio Aprile, the owner and creative force behind the Orderfire Restaurant Group, which includes Toronto's Origin brand restaurants, said during a break on Monday. "The best part was finally just getting on camera, getting into wardrobe and really becoming part of this incredible experience."

Big deal

"The big difference here is just the enormous scale that this production is on.... It's a scale I don't think anyone has ever seen here in Canada, which really sets it apart."
Restaurateur and MasterChef Canada judge Michael Bonacini

CTV put out a call for auditions in June and thousands of home cooks vied to be on the show. It will be up to the trio of judges to put the contestants through individual and team-based cooking challenges.

Bonacini said the contestants have gotten this far "because they're damned good cooks, good home cooks, and part of our role is to whittle that down and then work with them by mentoring, our guidance, our commentary, our criticism and build them up to one of them becoming the first ever MasterChef Canada." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Online privacy. New tool lets you opt out of some of those creepy web ads

Canadians who get spooked every time they see online advertisements that seem to be based on their browsing history now have a tool available to stop some of the snooping ads.

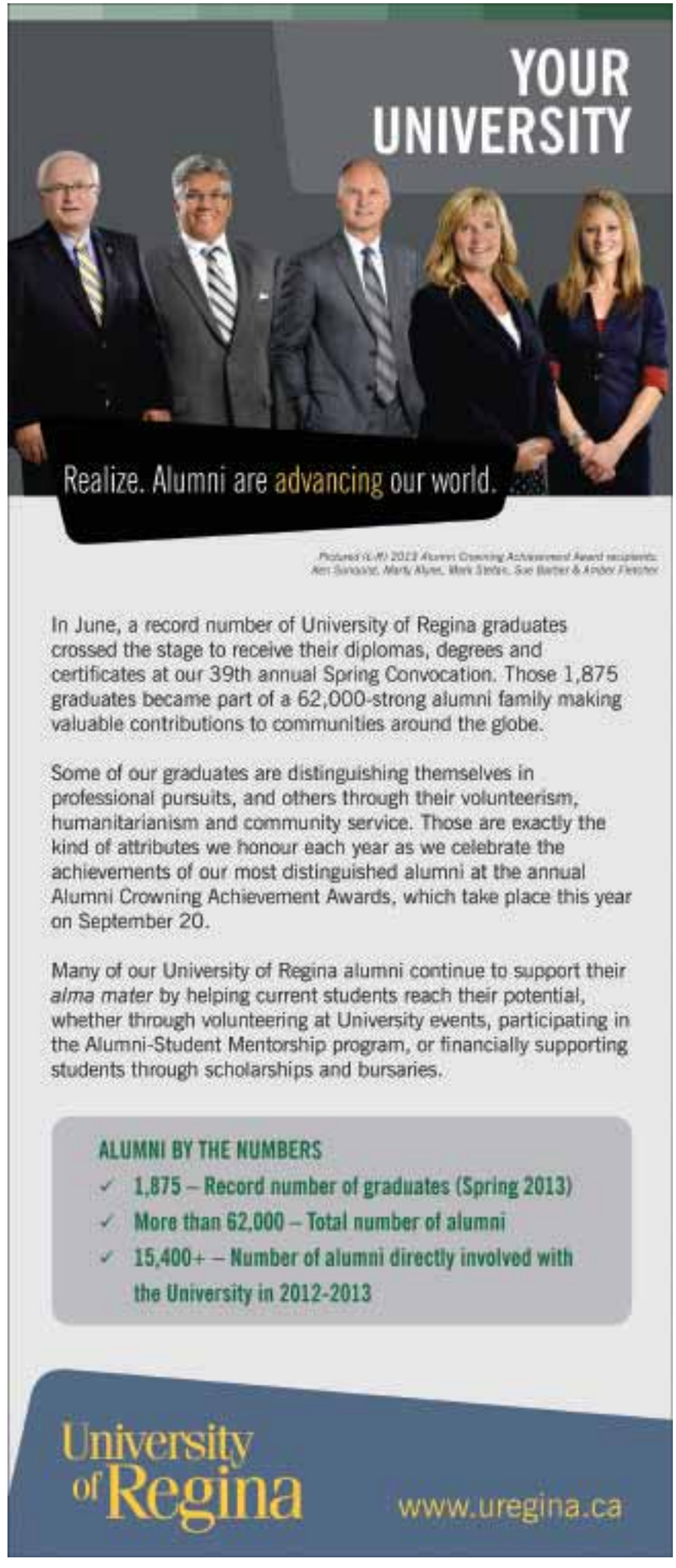
The Digital Advertising Alliance of Canada has launched youradchoices.ca, which allows web users to opt out of so-called behavioural advertising.

Behavioural advertising is typically based on web browser "cookies" — small files that get dropped on your computer with information about browsing history and habits. Advertisers can read those cookies and serve up product pitches targeted to individual web surfers.

The opt-out tool currently stops consumers from receiving behavioural ads from 115 ad agencies, ad networks and companies.

Behavioural ads paid for by those companies will soon be marked with a blue triangle-shaped icon, which will link to more information about the new opt-out system.

But unmarked behavioural ads may still be pushed to consumers by companies not affiliated with the voluntary program. THE CANADIAN PRESS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Pictured (L-R) 2013 Alumni Crowning Achievement Award recipients: Ken Sanagan, Marty Allyes, Mark Stefan, Sue Barber & Amber Fletcher
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THE METRO LIST

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1 Cop-foolery. A North Vancouver RCMP officer was fined this week for an incident that occurred last February when he was clocked, while off-duty, driving at such high speeds that West Vancouver police were called in to assist. Const. Michael Milo Arbulic eventually stopped and revealed he was merely playing a prank on fellow police officers, reinforcing what some of us already know: Cops are hilarious!

2 Star gazing. A paper published in Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society revealed a star from which a magnetically driven jet is creating a fascinating planetary nebula. The most surprising thing about this is the existence of a publication called Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society.

3 Designer genes. Next month, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration will hold a two-day public meeting to discuss genetic modification of the human egg. The conversation will revolve around "oocyte modification" involving material from a second woman, enabling offspring to carry DNA from three parents. As usual, this probably started somewhere with one guy trying to convince two women to have sex with him at the same time.

4 Parental misguidance. A study released by Safe Kids Worldwide showed that one in four parents have driven with children improperly secured in their car seats. Another two out of four have just thought about it.

5 In-line gaming. Consumers lined up overnight for a copy of the long-awaited Grand Theft Auto V. Tensions mounted as gamers grew anxious over spending so many hours in queue, which would have otherwise been spent playing Grand Theft Auto IV.

6 Bust a cap-puccino. Starbucks is asking customers not to bring guns into its shops. Not an outright ban, but a friendly request that makes sense in a store where people wait in long lines to load up on overpriced, caffeinated beverages that require a glossary to order. "Give me my grande, non-fat, double-caf, extra-foamy mochalacachino now!"

7 Beavertails. Foodies are apparently using an exotic vanilla-like flavouring found among the anal secretions of beavers. This is huge news for people who would rather hunt down a nocturnal, semi-aquatic rodent and negotiate entry into its holiest of holies to achieve that almost-vanilla taste than just buy vanilla in a store.

8 This week in music. In 1983, Kiss was on MTV to promote the release of Lick It Up, where they appeared sans make-up for the first time. Thousands of women seeing the real Gene Simmons leaped to their feet shouting, "*That's* who I slept with?"

9 America got tricked. Kenichi, the winner of America's Got Talent, gets a chance to headline his own show in Las Vegas and a prize of $1 million ... over the next 40 years! That's right. For those who don't read the fine-print disclaimer, that's $25,000 a year, or a job washing restrooms at Denny's without a raise for the rest of your life. Thanks, AGT. They couldn't have done that without you.

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ZOOM

Found by Indiana 'Bones'

PAUL KOUDOUNARIS/REX FEATURES

Jewel-encrusted skeletons discovered

A relic hunter has lifted the lid on a macabre collection of 400-year-old jewel-encrusted skeletons unearthed in churches across Europe. Art historian Paul Koudounaris has hunted down and photographed dozens of gruesome skeletons in some of the world's most secretive religious establishments.

This decorated skeleton of the martyr Valerius, pictured, was discovered in the Roman Catacombs and transferred in the 18th century to the Church of Saint Peter and Paul in Weyarn, southeast Germany.

"Weyarn has only one jewelled full-skeleton relic, but when it is this good you really don't need any others," says Koudounaris. METRO

Photographer's viewpoint

"I was writing a book on charnel houses when I came across these skeletons. As I discovered more about them I had this feeling that it was my duty to tell their fascinating story."

Paul Koudounaris, Los Angeles-based art historian

They are just part of the community

Koudounaris underscores how the skeletons had more of a civil duty than a spiritual function.

"They were thought to be miraculous and really solidified people's bond with a town. This reaffirmed the prestige of the town," he said. METRO

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Don't do it for the Vine. That's the message Obi Nwosu wants to get out after a failed attempt at jumping over a moving car (à la Kobe Bryant) left him the laughing stock of the Interwebs. While it's hard to pity someone who risks his ability to walk for the sake of a six-second laugh, you gotta give the guy some credit for creativity. But let's not single this fool out — there are plenty of other Vine users getting creative without getting crushed.

Pinot:
This stop-motion artist is as close as they come to a professional "viner." And if six seconds isn't enough, find more of his work at pinoditart.blogspot.ca.

Meagan Cignoli:
Fashion photographer by day, Cignoli knows her way around a camera. And it shows.

Yves Das:
The Belgian artist was making vids long before Vine was a thing, which is clear after one glance of his feed mostly featuring his mini motorcycle getting up to trouble.

Twitter

@metropicks asked: A new site lets you opt out of behaviour-based web ads. Should companies ask permission before tracking your web history?

@_sir: Companies need to stop hiding behind their TOS, actually ask individuals permission and maybe even pay us

@Canucklehead_ca: Meh. The internet is the same as real life. You get lost and/or go down enough 'dark alleys' – people will stop following you.

@DrDust: The simple answer - he– yes!!

@snobiwan: It's not that different from mall shopping, where you carry bags with the names of the stores where you've made purchases. ...but imagine if the Wal-Mart greeter got to look through all the receipts in your purse.

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Synopsis

Keller and Grace Dover (Hugh Jackman and Maria Bello), Franklin and Nancy Birch (Terrence Howard and Viola Davis) and their kids spend Thanksgiving together. After dinner the youngest members of the family, Anna Dover (Erin Gerasimovich) and Joy Birch (Kyla Drew Simmons) go for a walk and never return. The police, led by Detective Loki (Jake Gyllenhaal), arrest a suspect, Alex Jones (Paul Dano) who Keller is convinced is guilty. When Alex is released, Keller takes matters into his own hands. Kidnapping Jones, he tries to beat a confession out of him. When that doesn't work his methods escalate.

- Richard: ●●●○○
- Mark: ●●●●○

Hugh Jackman pulls out claws of a different kind for Prisoners. CONTRIBUTED

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

How far would you go?

Prisoners.
Hugh Jackman shines as a volatile vigilante in this film about fractured families searching for justice

Richard: Mark, Death Wish — the Charles Bronson revenge drama — painted its main character as a vigilante hero, someone who evened the score when the police couldn't. Prisoners isn't as cut and dried. It asks the question, how far would you go to get the information you need to protect your family? As played by Hugh Jackman, Keller Dover is a conflicted man. I think he knows what he's doing is wrong, but doesn't see a choice. Either way, it's going to get audiences talking about the ethics of vigilantism. What did you think?

Mark: There will be a lot of debate about the rougher scenes in this film. But it's a debate that has been in the news all through Jack Bauer's similar dilemma in 24 and the American waterboarding controversy. It probably goes back to Machiavelli and his "ends justifies the means" dictum. But no matter which side you are on this is a gripping thriller that didn't let me go for its full two and a half hour running time.

RC: It is good stuff, but it almost felt like two movies to me. The first hour-and-a-half is a good family drama about a man pushed to extremes after the disappearance of his daughter, while the last hour feels different. I don't want to give anything away, but it becomes more like an episode of Criminal Minds than the first part. I enjoyed both halves, but I preferred the complexity of the family drama.

MB: I guess the long first half gives it the depth so the second half feels more than an episode of Criminal Minds. It requires great acting, which it has, although seeing Hugh Jackman in the lead, I kept expecting him to burst into song in the first half hour. Did you like Paul Dano? Should he send Brad Dourif a cut of his paycheque?

RC: I thought the performances were uniformly strong. We're used to seeing Jackman differently — as a superhero or as a 19th century balladeer — but here he's really volatile and powerful. Dano takes a tough, thankless role and in the little screen time he isn't chained up or worse (no spoilers here!) keeps us wondering about the guilt or innocence of his character.

MB: There are a lot of plot twists in this movie and Dano's character is only one of them. This is the kind of movie you should see with an empty bladder because you won't want to miss any tricks.

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He's one spicy meatball

Bill Hader. Former SNL star has had a few big life changes — so it's nice to go back to a familiar role

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Metro World News in Hollywood

Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 opens next Friday. CONTRIBUTED

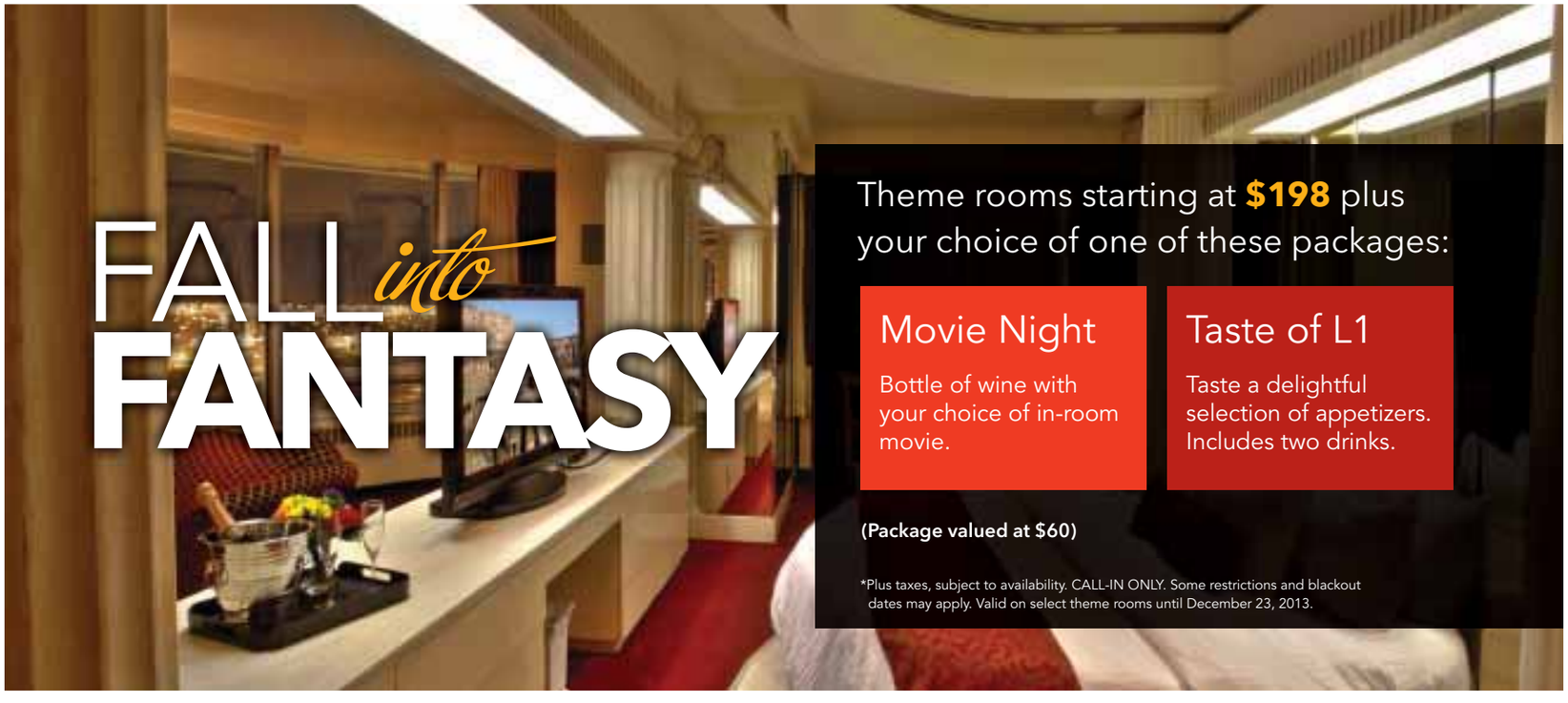
Bill Hader is adjusting to life after Saturday Night Live and as a recent New York-to-Los Angeles transplant. Luckily there's some familiar territory to ground him, like his latest, Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2, the followup to his hugely successful 2009 animated film. Now if only he could get some credit at home for the franchise.

This isn't your first animated film. How've you found voice acting?

All you do is just yell all your lines, every single one. All my lines in this movie, I'm screaming — even when it's a very nice intimate moment with me and Sam Sparks. I've been doing voice work for a while and I love it. The thing is, everyone always assumes that it's really easy, and it's like the hardest work I've ever done. When I leave a session for any of the animated things I've done, my brain doesn't work. It's incredibly hard work. But it's very gratifying. And now that I have kids it's great — when they'll recognize that it's me. Eventually.

Eventually?

My four-year-old loves the first movie but won't accept that that's me as Flint. I'll be like, "That's Daddy!" And she looks at me like, "No it's not. You're crazy." I just hope maybe when she sees this one that she realizes it's actually her dad, because she loves Flint Lockwood, and my wife and I are like, "That's your father."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Drama

The Hunt

Director. Thomas Vinterberg

Stars. Mads Mikkelsen

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Mads Mikkelsen is excellent as a small-town teacher wrongly fingered as a pedophile by the rest of the community, but he's acting in a vacuum. The supporting characters in The Hunt are all so broadly drawn that Mikkelsen's subtle acting stands out all the more vividly. Intended as a parable about the dangers of groupthink, Thomas Vinterberg's film is by turns powerful and unforgivably manipulative; instead of an ambiguous movie about guilt and blame, we get a heavy-handed melodrama.

ADAM NAYMAN

Comedy

The Art of the Steal

Director. Jonathan Sobol

Stars. Jay Baruchel, Kurt Russell, Matt Dillon

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Crunch and Nicky Calhoun (Kurt Russell and Matt Dillon) are brothers and art thieves who haven't worked together since Nicky snitched on Crunch and sent him to prison. Years later they team up to steal one of the world's rarest books, but will the job lead to more double-crossing? Or a taste of revenge? Jay Baruchel and Terence Stamp co-star in this twisty-turny movie that mixes laughs with intrigue, crime with revenge to present an original and offbeat heist flick.

RICHARD CROUSE

Drama

Battle of the Year

Director. Benson Lee

Stars. Josh Holloway, Chris Brown

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In what is a fictional reimagining of his own documentary Planet B-Boy (which he conveniently references throughout), Benson Lee's Battle of the Year tells the story of an American breakdancing "dream team" who compete against odds for the world's title. With predictably formulaic plotting and characters as cardboard as a breakdancer's podium, Battle at least has some amazing dance and choreography. It's just too bad those sequences appear edited together by a speed-freak with a penchant for cutaways.

STEVE GOW

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Broadway Theatre
715 Broadway Ave.

20 Feet From Stardom (PG) Sat 9 Sun 9:30 Mon 7 Tue 9:30 Wed 7
Big Bad Wolves (STC) Thu 9:30
Dark Bridges Film Festival (STC) Thu
The Dress (STC) Fri 8
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Stitches (STC) Thu 12

Cineplex Odeon Centre
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Despicable Me 2 (G) Sat-Sun 2:10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
Despicable Me 2 3D (G) Fri 7-9:25 Sat-Sun 4:35-7-9:25 Mon-Thu 5:40-8:05
Ekstra (STC) Fri 7:15-9:55 Sat-Sun 2-4:40-7:15-9:55 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:25
Grown Ups 2 (PG) Fri 7:35-10:05 Sat-Sun 2:25-4:55-7:35-10:05 Mon-Thu 5:25-7:45 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Heat (14A) Fri-Sun 9:15 Mon-Tue 8 Wed 1:10-8 Thu 8
Kick-Ass 2 (14A) Fri 7:30-10 Sat-Sun 2:30-5-7:30-10 Mon-Tue 5:20-7:55 Wed 1:20-5:20-7:55 Thu 5:20-7:55
One Direction: This Is Us - Extended Fan Cut (G) Sat-Sun 1:55
One Direction: This Is Us 3D - Extended Fan Cut (G) Fri 7:10-9:40 Sat-Sun 4:25-7:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 5:45-8:20
Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters (PG) Sat-Sun 2:20 Wed 1:25
Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters 3D (PG) Fri 7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 4:50-7:20-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:35-8:10
The Smurfs 2 (G) Fri 6:50 Sat-Sun 1:50-4:20-6:50 Mon-Thu 5:30

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Anchorman (14A) Mon 7
The Art of the Steal (14A) Fri 4:50-7:05-9:55 Sat 12:20-2:35-4:50-7:05-9:55 Sun 2:35-4:50-7:05-9:50 Mon-Thu 7:05-9:45
Battle of the Year 3D (PG) Fri 4:40-7:25-10:05 Sat 11:05-1:55-4:40-7:25-10:05 Sun 1:55-4:40-7:25-10:05 Mon-Thu 7:30-10:05
Coraline (PG) Sat 11
Elysium (14A) Fri 5:25-7:55-10:30 Sat 12:05-2:45-5:25-7:55-10:30 Sun 2:10-5:25-7:55-10:30 Mon 10:30 Tue-Wed 7:55-10:30 Thu 7:55
Exhibition: Munch 150 (G) Sat 4
The Family (14A) Fri 5:20-8:05-10:40 Sat 2:40-5:20-8:05-10:40 Sun 2:15-5:05-7:50-10:25 Mon-Thu 7:50-10:25
Insidious: Chapter 2 (14A) Fri 5:35-8:10-10:40 Sat 12:25-3-5:35-8:10-10:40 Sun 3-5:30-8-10:30 Mon-Thu 8-10:30
Lee Daniels' The Butler (PG) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:50 Sat 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 Sun 12:55-3:50-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 6:55-9:50
The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones (PG) Fri 4:05-7-10 Sat-Sun 1-4:05-7-10 Mon-Tue 7:10-10:05 Wed 7:10 Thu 7:10-10:05
National Theatre Live: Othello (STC) Thu 7
Planes (G) Sat 12:10 Sun 2:25
Planes 3D (G) Fri 5-7:20 Sat 2:30-5-7:20 Sun 4:55-7:20 Mon-Thu 7:20
Pompeii From the British Museum (PG) Wed 7
Prisoners (14A) No Passes Fri 3:55-7:15-10:35 No Passes Sat 12:35-3:55-7:15-10:35 No Passes Sun 3:05-6:45-10:05 No Passes Mon-Thu 8:15
Riddick (18A) Fri 4:30-7:40-10:25 Sat 11:10-1:45-4:30-7:40-10:25 Sun 1:30-4:30-7:40-10:25 Mon-Tue 7:15-10 Wed 10 Thu 7:15-10
Rush (14A) No Passes Wed 9:30
Swan Lake Mariinsky Live 3D (STC) Sun 12:55
We're the Millers (14A) Fri 4:45-7:35-10:15 Sat 11:15-2-4:45-7:35-10:15 Sun 2-4:35-7:35-10:10 Mon-Wed 7:35-10:10 Thu 7:35-10:25
The Wolverine 3D (14A) Fri-Thu 9:40

Roxy Theatre
320 20th St West

Blue Jasmine (PG) Fri 9:20 Sat-Sun 3:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 9:20
The Hunt (18A) Fri 6:50 Sat-Sun 1-6:50 Mon-Thu 6:50
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The Conjuring (14A) Fri-Thu 1-4:10-7:10-9:45
Jobs (PG) Fri-Thu 4:05-9:25
The Lone Ranger (PG) Fri-Thu 4:25-7:45
Monsters University (G) Fri-Thu 2-4:30-7
Now You See Me (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:35-7:15-9:50
Pacific Rim (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-6:55-9:40
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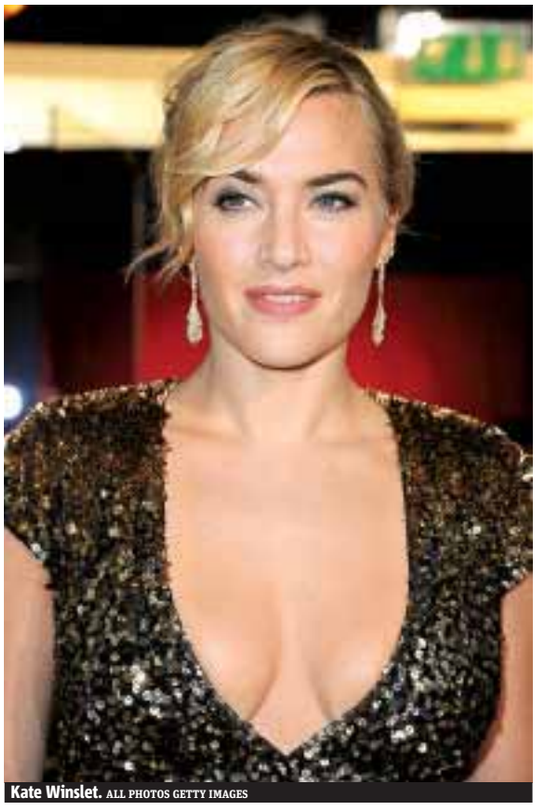

Kate Winslet. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Kate Winslet is going to stay Kate Winslet

Despite marrying Ned Rocknroll last year, Kate Winslet won't be taking his name, as she "was never going to change my name to Rocknroll," she tells the Telegraph.

And apparently it has nothing to do with how ridiculous her husband's legally changed name might sound.

Winslet reasons that she didn't change her name when married to Jim Threapleton or Sam Mendes, either.

"I quite like Kate Winslet. In fact I think it's very flashy," she says. "I'm proud of my name because I'm one of three girls and we have one boy in our family so essentially the only person who is going to carry the name along is my brother and he doesn't have any children at the moment."

Winslet, who is already mother to Mia Threapleton, 12, and Joe Mendes, 9, is currently pregnant with her first child with Rocknroll.

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

It's Dawson's Creek all over again

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Diane Kruger and Joshua Jackson have been together for seven years, making them one of Hollywood's more successful couples. But their first date was so awful, he's lucky he ever got to see her again.

"He thinks he asked me out on a date, which is not true, because I did not agree to that. I agreed to have drinks with him," Kruger said during an appearance on Conan on Tuesday.

Through the power of an eager expression and a clean shirt, Jackson managed to turn drinks into dinner — where, the German beauty says, he talked about himself for an hour and a half, in a restaurant that made her ill.

"It was overgrown with beautiful flowers, to which I had a huge allergic reaction — like really, really bad. I was sneezing and coughing and my eyes were watery."

He took her home in a stinky car his dog had chewed up, and when he went in for the kiss she seriously considered slapping him. All of which answered a burning question I didn't know I had: How much does Joshua Jackson resemble Pacey in real life? Answer: So much!

James Franco

Franco clowns the clowns

James Franco doesn't have a problem with gay rumours about him, but he does apparently have a problem with a few gossip websites. So Franco decided to use his Instagram account to poke some fun at the subjects of his ire, posting photos of himself locking lips and holding hands with a mystery man, a shout-out to gossip site Gawker scrawled on it. "Just a Franco afternoon," he wrote.

He also posted photos of himself getting intimate in a car with a mystery woman, name-checking sites Perez Hilton and Just Jared in the process.

Lindsay Lohan

Lohan on the straight and narrow

In her post-rehab bid to stay clean, Lindsay Lohan has apparently found the right kind of partner. The troubled starlet is reportedly dating former football player Matt Nordgren, according to Us Weekly.

"He's a great influence on her, and her friends and family love him," a source says. "He's older, a successful businessman and he has been a great friend to her. He's also a Christian and won't drink around her. He's trying to keep her sober and on the straight and narrow. He's really good for her."

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A Sosaties sidekick

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If I learned one thing about South Africa when I was touring its Cape vineyards a few years ago, it was that its population is gaga for grilling. They love it so much that the country's national holiday is called National Braai Day.

Sosaties is a South African twist on the Mediterranean kebab that typically skewers lamb, apricots and curry powder. Liquid partners don't come easy. Even if it's deployed lightly, the curry makes this dish a wine pairing challenge.

While an off-dry, white wine made with riesling or chenin blanc will hold up well when your plate throws some heat, sauvignon blanc-led white blends are a less conventional, though equally accommodating, choice.

The Beach House 2012 Sauvignon Blanc Semillon ($9.95 to $11.99) combines bright, citrusy flavours with a soft, tropical undercurrent that makes a great mate for shellfish and the spicy side of Sosaties' personality.

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S is for scrumptious South African Sosaties

This recipe, a South African take on kebabs, is a staple of the country's National Braai Day celebrations. COURTESY DISTELL GROUP LIMITED

Braai. The Afrikaans term for barbecue is a custom so prevalent in South Africa that it was given its own holiday. Celebrate on Sept 24.

Ingredients

- 50 ml olive or cooking oil
- 2 large onions, both sliced into broad rings
- One green pepper cut into approx. 2.5 cm squares
- 3 tbsp of smooth apricot jam
- 15 ml wine vinegar
- 1 tbsp brown sugar
- 2 crushed bay leaves
- 2 cloves garlic, peeled and crushed
- 1/2 tbsp salt
- 1/2 tsp of pepper
- 1 tsp turmeric
- 1 tbsp curry powder (mild korma to hot madras – the choice is yours)
- 500 g boned leg of lamb, cut into 2.5 cm cubes
- 125 g dried apricots

1. Heat the oil in a frying pan and sauté the onion rings and green pepper blocks until very lightly cooked, making sure the onion rings remain intact. Drain them on absorbent paper.

2. Combine the apricot jam, vinegar, sugar, bay leaves, garlic, salt, pepper, turmeric and curry powder in a ceramic or glass bowl and add the onion rings and green pepper.

3. Add the meat to the mixture and marinate for 24 hours in the fridge, stirring two or three times.

4. If the apricots are not soft, soak them in a little water until plump. You might also want to soak the skewers so that the exposed ends do not burn to charcoal during the cooking process.

5. When you are ready to cook, thread the cubes of meat, apricots, onion rings and peppers onto the skewers. Your barbecue's temperature should be 375 degrees or a medium heat. The recommended cooking time is 6 minutes per side with a half turn at three minutes.

6. Pour the marinade into a saucepan, bring to a boil and keep warm to serve with the sosaties.

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Geroy Simon has compiled 328 yards receiving this season catching passes from Riders quarterback Darian Durant. LIAM RICHARDS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Lions say Simon can forget friendships

CFL. B.C. defence zeroing in on stopping former teammate in visit to Regina

BC Lions defensive back Ryan Phillips will always cherish his friendship with Geroy Simon. But not so Sunday.

The friendship will be put on hold when Phillips and the Lions visit Simon and his new club, the Saskatchewan Roughriders, in a key West Division matchup at Mosaic Stadium.

"I (played) with him for eight years and he's definitely been a great mentor, a great guy, a great teammate and a personal friend," said Phillips, a 30-year-old Seattle native. "Our families are connected and things like that.

"But, at the end of the day, once we get between those lines, Geroy's definitely the enemy. He's in the green and white, so he's definitely the opposition. So we've got to make sure we take him out and minimize him and make sure he makes no big plays — because I know he's looking forward to coming in and making a couple big plays against us."

B.C. (7-4) can move into a second-place tie with Saskatchewan (8-3), which has lost two straight. This will be the first meeting between the teams since Simon, who played 12 of his 15 CFL seasons with the Lions, was traded to Saskatchewan in January.

Following the 2012 season, Simon, 38, was open to restructuring his contract with B.C. but had said if the club didn't want him back he'd look at playing elsewhere. Lions GM Wally Buono gave Simon and his camp permission to gauge interest in a potential trade, and on Jan. 24, the veteran was dealt to Saskatchewan for receiver Justin Harper — who showed up at an off-season offensive camp out of shape and was released — and a 2014 third-round draft pick.

Simon missed five games last season with hamstring issues, prompting suggestions about his durability. And Simon missed Saskatchewan's first three regular-season contests with an upper body injury.

But with receiver Weston Dressler and running back Kory Sheets out of Saskatchewan's lineup with injuries, B.C. expects Simon to play a more prominent role than he has in earlier games.

"I anticipate him seeing the ball more, period, just because he was on our team for a number of years and he may have a little more knowledge of the things that we may be trying to do as a defence," said Phillips. "So I expect them to try to utilize him as much as possible."

Simon is the CFL's all-time receiving yards leader (16,128 yards) and needs just six more catches to break former Montreal receiver Ben Cahoon's CFL record of 1,017 career receptions.

"I just want to make sure he don't get that (receptions record) against us," said Phillips. "That's my biggest thing.

"He can get it eventually, but I want to make sure he gets, maybe, two (receptions), and make sure they're not for touchdowns or anything like that — because we definitely don't want to see him doing no poses or anything like that against us." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Week 13 pick

Lions (7-4) at Riders (8-3), Sunday, 2:30 p.m. (TSN)

An interesting game involving two teams battling for second place in the West Division with each club missing significant offensive performers.

B.C. will be without starter Travis Lulay and the Riders won't have running back Kory Sheets.

It's the first of three head-to-head meetings between now and Oct. 19. B.C. is 6-0 at home but 1-4 on the road.

The Riders are 4-1 at Mosaic Stadium and 4-2 on the road. They also has the more experienced QB in Darian Durant, although he's 39 of 82 passing (47.6 per cent) for 498 yards in his last two starts with four interceptions and three TDs. The Riders will clinch a playoff spot if they beat B.C. and Winnipeg defeats Edmonton.

Pick - Saskatchewan.

WHL

Veteran Craig given Blades' C

The Saskatoon Blades named Graeme Craig captain of this year's squad on Thursday afternoon.

The Red Deer, Alta., native is entering his fifth year in the WHL and second on the blue-line with the Blades.

"As a staff we feel as if Graeme is a player that has truly earned this role on our hockey club," said Blades head coach Dave Struch in a release. "He's soft spoken, but both his actions and his voice have been consistent on and off the ice since he arrived in Saskatoon last season. That approach has really earned him the respect of his teammates."

Craig came over to the Blades last season from the Swift Current Broncos and has appeared in 70 regular-season games between the two teams — with a career high 15 assists and 16 points and a plus-5 rating.

The Blades face off against the Prince Albert Raiders Friday at Credit Union Centre. Puck drop is at 7:05. METRO

MLB

Dodgers dig all the way out of hole to seal playoff spot

Languishing deep in last place three months ago, the Los Angeles Dodgers are headed to the playoffs.

The Dodgers became the first team to clinch a post-season berth, wrapping up their first NL West title since 2009, when they rallied past the Arizona Diamondbacks 7-6 on Thursday behind two homers from Hanley Ramirez. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL

Oilers keep RNH in offensive fold

The Edmonton Oilers have taken another step in locking up their young core by signing Ryan Nugent-Hopkins to a seven-year contract.

Nugent-Hopkins got $42 million US, the same amount the Oilers gave Taylor Hall on his seven-year deal. The $6-million cap hit is also the same as Regina's Jordan Eberle's, making for uniformity among Edmonton's top young forwards.

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Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
It'd be smart to keep your opinions to yourself over the next 24 hours, but it's unlikely you will. Maybe it's for the best. Maybe it's time you lay down the law. But make sure you stick to the law too.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You're not allowed to fail. At least that's what you tell yourself. The planets say different — they say you're human like everyone else.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Mercury, your ruler, is at odds with Pluto, planet of excess, which means you will most likely open your mouth and put both feet in it — again. Just be careful what you say does not cost you some serious money.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You want to be totally honest but you fear that if you speak your mind it will be taken as a declaration of war by certain people. What of it? That's their problem, not yours. Speak up.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
There is something that needs to be cut out of your life and if you don't get rid of it now, you may be stuck with it forever. Pluto power will help you to be ruthless today.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may be in the minority as far as certain viewpoints are concerned but according to the planets you are on the side of the angels, so stop worrying about what others might think and do what you know to be right.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Libra is a cardinal sign, which among other things means you enjoy arguing about controversial issues. Today though, you must make sure that all your facts are just that.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You'll shock people with what you say, and with the forthright way in which you say it. Pluto, your ruler, is moving in your favour again, so chances are you'll get away with it.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Why are you so scared to make contact with new people? Whatever the reason, get over it because you will meet some interesting characters today — the kind who can open doors and swell your bank balance.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You have every right to express your opinions but don't forget others have a right to disagree with you. Some of the feedback you get today may not be favourable but it will make you think and that's good.

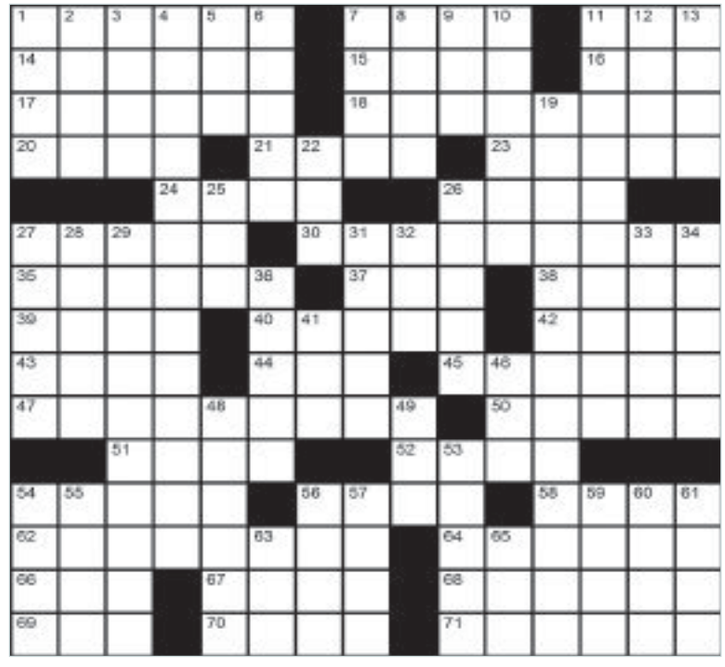
♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Try not to get bogged down in details. Once you look closely at one thing, you will start looking closely at everything, and there's just no need. You're a "big picture" person, so leave the small stuff to others.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't waste time explaining to others why you decided on a certain course of action. Either they don't understand or they think it will inconvenience them. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN



Across

1. Canuck songs, TV shows, etc.
7. "Friends" hangout, Central __
11. Alphabet sequence
14. Baltimore baseball player
15. Port of Yemen
16. "__-hoo!"
17. Fabric kind
18i. How spies conduct their business: 2 wds.
20. Being, in Latin
21. Canned fish
23. Sch. subject
24. Mr. Orbison's
26. Schooling [abbr.]
27. More knowing
30. Pumice and emery
35. Musical pieces for Chopin
37. Tennis term
38. Expression of relief
39. Dig
40. Create on a loom
42. Fringe
43. "I'm cooold!"
44. Jackie O's hubby
45. Don Juan types
47. Winnipeg-born comedian David
50. Ms. Reid of "King of Kensington"
51. Citrus drinks
52. Scandinavian rugs
54. Wife of Hagar the Horrible
56. Greek Myth: Earth goddess [var. sp.]
58. Salts: French
62. Brief opera solos
64. Juno-winning group, The __' Jennys
66. Shuttle's docked-to-thingy [acronym]
67. Mr. Estrada
68. Canadian actress/director Sarah
69. Finished with work [abbr.]
70. Sisters
71. Cookie bag row

Down

1. Whale __ (Nunavut hamlet)
2. Ancient Greece's war god
3. Naughts
4. Hartland, NB is home to the world's longest what?: 2 wds.
5. Grand __ Opry
6. Mesh-like
7. Anguish
8. Purple-haired persona, Dame __
9. Home base, for short
10. Works the dough
11. Song on YouTube displaying all the words: 2 wds.
12. __ & Chandon Champagne
13. Chris of "The Good Wife"
19. Tomahawk, in modern day warfare: 2 wds.
22. Can. neighbour
25. Sort of deposit
26. Meal's consumer
27. "Dragnet" star Jack, and others
28. "But is __ __?" (Query about an abstract painting, perhaps)
29. Salvador Dali, for one
31. Tony __ (Former British PM)
32. Race the motor
33. Incite: 2 wds.
34. "__ _ Lady" by Tom Jones
36. Q-Tips, for example
41. Yore's 'before'
46. "Son __ gun!": 2 wds.
48. Make more organized
49. Athens' country, to the IOC
53. Woof-woofs whiningly
54. Salon's styled stuff
55. Highlands tongue
56. Acquire
57. Calls for
59. Reese's "Legally Blonde" (2001) role
60. Mr. Schreiber
61. Fort McMurray waterway
63. Writer Mr. Capote, to pals
65. Part of Time Warner's name, once

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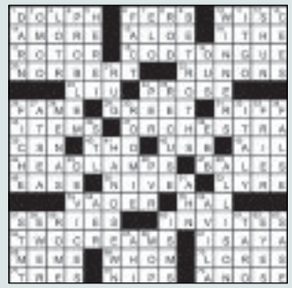

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

5	3						8	1
		9	4			2		
8			5		9			
2				7		8	3	
				5				
	7	8		6				5
			8		6			4
		7			5	1		
4	1						2	8

Yesterday's Sudoku

5	3	8	2	9	4	7	1	6
2	4	6	1	3	7	9	5	8
9	7	1	6	8	5	2	3	4
6	1	4	5	7	9	3	8	2
7	8	9	3	2	1	6	4	5
3	2	5	4	6	8	1	7	9
4	5	7	9	1	2	8	6	3
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8	9	3	7	4	6	5	2	1

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